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REMARK

Claims 13-26 are pending in the Application. By this Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 13-26 and added new claims 27-46. New claims 27-46 do not contain any new matter. Support for the new claims may be found inter alia in canceled claims 13-26. Support for claim 37 can be found inter alia on page 5, lines 6-9 of the specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the entry of this Amendment. Upon entry, claims 27-46 will be pending in this Application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102(b)

The Examiner rejected claims 13-17 and 24-25 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,822,944 issued to Penland, Sr.

In response but without conceding the correctness of the Examiner's position and to expedite the prosecution of this Application, Applicants have canceled claims 13-17 and 24-25 without prejudice. The new claims do not contain the above mentioned issues, thereby rendering this ground of rejection moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 18-21, 23 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 5,822,944 issued to Penland, Sr.

In response but without conceding the correctness of the Examiner's position and to expedite the prosecution of this Application, Applicants have canceled claims 18-21, 23 and 26 without prejudice. The new claims do not contain the above mentioned issues, thereby rendering this ground of rejection moot.

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Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claim 22 "would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims." See page 4, 2nd paragraph of April 21, 2005 Office Action. In response, Applicants have canceled claims 13-26 without prejudice and added new claims 27-46. New claim 27 recites the elements of canceled claim 22 and of the canceled base claim 13, which claim 22 depends. Also, new claim 38 recites the elements of canceled claim 22 and of the canceled base claim 24. In addition, claims 28-37 and 39-40 depend on claims 27 and 38, respectively, and would be allowable if claims 27 and 38 are also allowable. Since the claims in this Application have been rewritten based on the recommendations of the Examiner, Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance indicating the allowability of claims 27-46 be issued and that this Application be placed in condition for allowance.

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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully maintain that the rejections and/or objections stated in the April 21, 2005 Office Action have been fully addressed. Therefore, this Application is in full compliance with all requirements. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully urge the Examiner to withdraw all rejections and/or objections stated in the Non-final Office action and place this Application in condition for allowance.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1891.

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